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1. Regular Chinese Communist troops on Hainan probably consist of 1 division of the 43 Army, supplemented by certain military sub-region troops which were formerly attached to FENG Pai-chu's Hainan Column.
2. There is little naval activity, and there are probably only two or three captured Nationalist gunboats operating in the area. The submarines frequently reported in the area may be Soviet or captured Japanese submarines which are used only for training activities at the Yulin naval training base. A Yulin naval training base certainly exists.
3. There are three airfields on the island: Sanya, Haikou, and a small Japanese field elsewhere on the island which is now being expanded. However, Hainan is not a Chinese Communist Air Force training base. Probably there are a few planes stationed there.
4. The most important use of Hainan for the Chinese Communists is as a trans-shipment base for materials sent to the Democratic Republic of Vietnam. There is no indication that Hainan is being used as a military base for Communist expansion into other areas of Southeast Asia.<sup>1</sup>

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1. Comment. Hainan may be used as a training and staging area for Chinese Communist clandestine activities in Southeast Asia. It would not be difficult to conceal such activity from uncritical observers. Such training and staging activity might explain the continually reported submarine operations in the area.

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